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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: GOK DOES IN FACT ACCEPT POSITIVE
CERTIFICATION

REF: CAIRO 17175, STATE 181889

1. FOLLOWING CABLE KUWAITT (77) 3555 REPEATED FOR YOUR
INFO: "AS FOLLOW-UP TO JUNE 28 CONVERSATION ON BOYCOTT
(REFTEL), ACTING DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTRY ECONOMIC
DIVISION JI'AN CALLED EMBASSY JUNE 29 TO SAY THAT HE HAD
CHECKED WITH KUWAIT BOYCOTT OFFICE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY
RECORDS AND DISCOVERED THAT KUWAIT DOEC IN FACT ACCEPT
POSITIVE CERTIFICATION. GOK, JI'AN SAID, ADHERED TO ARAB
LEAGUE RESOLUTION 2716 OF SESSION 34 ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 7,
1960, WHICH STATES THAT FOR BOYCOTT PURPOSES, THE ONLY
CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN REQUIRED ARE THOSE STATING THE
NATIONAL ORIGIN OF THE PRODUCT AND ITS COMPONENTS. JI'AN
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SAID HE HAD CHECKED WITH BOYCOTT OFFICE HERE, AND THAT THIS
OFFICE HAD APPLIED AND CONTINUES TO APPLY THIS REQUIREMENT
AND THIS ONE ONLY. JI'AN STATED THAT THE LOCAL BANKS WERE
AWARE OF THE BOYCOTT OFFICE REQUIREMENT, BUT HAD NOT
CHANGED THE LANGUAGE OF THEIR LETTERS OF CREDIT, WHICH
APPARENTLY PREDATED 1960.

2. IT APPEARS LOCAL BANKS ARE WOEFULLY BEHIND THE TIMES AND CAUTIOUS. WE WILL USE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY JI'AN AND BOYCOTT OFFICE IN OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO GET THE LOCAL BANKS TO DROP THE OFFENDING LANGUAGE IN THEIR L/C'S. UNFORTUNATELY, BOYCOTT OFFICE DIRECTOR, WHO ATTENDED ALEXANDRIA CONFERENCE, WILL NOT RETURN TO KUWAIT FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS. WE WILL CONTACT HIM ON HIS RETURN. "

3. REGRET CONFUSION BY REPEATING WRONG CABLE IN STATE REFTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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